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Naples, Octob. 20.

ON Friday last arrived here an Expreſs with Letters from the Count *de Melgar*, Governor of *Milan*, giving our Viceroy an account, That a Defenſive Alliance has been lately concluded between the moſt Chriſtian King and the Duke of *Savoy*, and that in purſuance of it 3000 French Horſe have Winter-Quarters aſſigned them in *Piedmont*. The ſame day our Viceroy ſent an Expreſs to impart this news (which is lookt upon here to be of great importance) to the Viceroy of *Sicily*: and the ſupplies of Men and Money that are to be ſent from hence to *Milan* will be hereupon haſtened.

Madrid, Octob. 29. On Monday laſt the King and Queen returned hither from the *Eſcurial*, and the next day the Heer *Heemskerke* preſented a Memorial to his Majeſty concerning the preſent conjuncture of Affairs. Orders have been ſent to the Marquiſs *de Liche*, who has reſided ſeveral years at *Rome* as Ambaſſador from this Crown, to part forthwith for *Naples*, to take upon him the Government of that Kingdom.

Lisbon, Nov. 3. The Fleet that was ſent to attend the Duke of *Savoy*, and to bring his Highneſs hither, is returned, (except the Rear-Admiral, who is not yet come in) his Highneſſes Indiſpoſition having not permitted him to undertake the Voyage at this time, which this Court is much concerned at. Our *Brazil* Fleet met with a great Misfortune on that Coaſt, the Convoy, a Frigat of 40 Guns, and two of the beſt Merchant Ships, having been caſt away, and all the Goods and many Men loſt: The loſs is eſtimated at 80000 Pounds Sterling.

Genoua, Nov. 4. The 30th paſt arrived here 10 French Galleys, and the ſecond Inſtant they parted again for *Leghorn*, this Senate having made a Preſent to the Duke of *Mortemar*, who commanded them, of all ſorts of Proviſions, to the value of 400 Dollars. Theſe Galleys met off of *Villa-Franca* with the Admiral of this State, whom they would have obliged to come on Board the Duke of *Mortemar*, but he refuſing, and preparing to defend himſelf, the Galleys left him, and he arrived here the firſt Inſtant, with three ſtout Merchant Men, in 19 days from *Cadiz*, where they left two Engliſh Frigats, the *Crown*, and *Tyger*, bound for this place. Here are arrived two Engliſh Ships, the one laden with Sugars, and the other with Salt.

Stockholm, Nov. 4. We cannot hitherto give you any very good account of what paſſes in the Aſſembly of the States of this Kingdom, their Debates and Deliberations being kept very ſecret, but in the general it is ſaid that they are inclined to concur with the King for the encreaſing the Forces of this Kingdom, both by Sea and Land.

Vienna, Nov. 8. Some days ſince arrived here an Expreſs from General *Caprara*, (who ſtill remains with the Imperial Army in his Camp on the *Waag*) and brought an account, That Count *Teckeley* had refuſed Entrance to the 1200 Imperialiſts which the ſaid General had ſent to the Berg Towns upon the aſſurance that Count *Teckeley*'s Deputies here had given, That he would quit the ſaid Berg Towns, and permit them to receive Imperial Gariſons; declaring, That he had not given any Orders to his Deputies to promiſe the ſurrender of the ſaid Towns, and that he had not power to do it without the conſent of the Vizier of *Buda*, but that he had given leave to the Emperor's People that labour in the Mines, to go on with their work without any interruption, provided they pay him 6000 Florins (which is about 900 Pounds Sterling) monthly: In the mean time, his Deputies here do not at all proceed in their Negotiation, pretending they want new Inſtructions from their Maſter. We hear from all hands of the great preparations of the Turks, and we are informed that the Venetian Ambaſſador here has acquainted the Emperor with the advices the Republick have lately received from their Ambaſſador at *Conſtantinople*, That the Grand-Signior has reſolved to make War upon *Hungary*, and that he intended immediately after their great Feaſt of *Bairam*, to remove to *Adrianople*, and that the Grand Vizier would go to *Greekes Weiſſenburg*, the place appointed for the Rendevous of the Turkiſh Troops, to give the neceſſary Orders againſt the next Campagne. The way of raiſing the general Tax of one *per Cent.* in the Emperor's Hereditary Countreys, is not yet agreed on.

Strasburg, Nov. 17. Here has been publiſhed an Edict of the moſt Chriſtian King, concerning the Contributions which the Inhabitants of *Alſace* are to pay the next Year. Fourteen Troops of *Genſd'arms*, that came from *Flanders*, are Quartered here, and the other Troops that came from thoſe parts are likewiſe diſpoſed of in ſeveral Gariſons. The new Fortifications that are making here go on very ſucceſsfully, Six Thouſand Men working daily on them.

Zell, Nov. 18. Great Preparations have been made here againſt the Marriage of the Prince of *Hanouer* and the Princeſs of *Zell*, but as yet we do not hear when it will be celebrated. The Duke of *Zell* has been for ſome time at *Eberſdorf*, and ſtill continues there: His Highneſs ſent Orders about ten days agone, to his Troops to be in a readineſs to March, but at preſent the Reſolutions ſeem to be changed.

Francfort, Nov. 18. Till the Courier, which the French Ambaſſadors ſent the laſt Week to *Paris*, returns, things will be at a ſtand here, many perſuade themſelves that the moſt Chriſtian King will continue his Ambaſſadors here for ſome time longer, to ſee if the Negotiation that has been begun,